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SOCIETY NOTES.

The Chinese Minister and Mrs. Wu entertained a company of twenty-two at dinner last night. The guests, being the Spanish Minister and Senora de Lome, the Mexican Minister and Mrs. Roosevelt, Senator and Mrs. Davis, Senator and Mrs. Cullum, Judge and Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Hitt, Gen. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mrs. Northoff, Mr. Culler and Mr. Chung.

The last and hottest sat opposite each other, midway down the long table, a pair of La France roses filling the center space between. Other roses, pink, white and crimson, were arranged in artistic contrast, and garlands of autumnal wreathed the chandeliers.

First Assistant Postmaster General and Mrs. Perry left yesterday afternoon to spend Christmas with relatives in Louisville. They will make a brief visit to Indiana and return before New Year's Day.

The ladies of the Cabinet have decided to continue in social retirement while the White House is closed to official guests.

At the annual meeting of the Washington Wesleyan Association, held at the home of the president, Mrs. Diller, No. 1474 Wisconsin street, on Wednesday afternoon, the following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, Mrs. Frances Davis Gault, '81-'83; vice president, Miss Emma A. Teller, '81-'83; secretary, Miss Isabelle Campbell, '81-'83; treasurer, Miss Nancy J. McAndrew, '81-'83; chairman of business committee, Miss Della Sheldon Jackson, '81-'83. Arrangements were made for the annual session, to be held at the home of Mrs. Teller.

A ball was given at the home of the "State of the Sacred Heart," the new Catholic church shortly to be erected on Columbia Heights, and of which Rev. Father McGee, of St. Patrick's Church, is the pastor.

Nearly all of the dolls were disposed of through the successful efforts of Miss Nellie Braxner, Miss Joyce, Mrs. John Moore, Miss Helen Magee, the Misses Merritt, Mrs. Moore, Miss Joy, and other attractive models and matrons, who had the sales in charge. The evening was pleasantly interspersed with a program, which included songs by Mr. George O'Connor, a piano number by Mr. George Becker, and recitations by little Elizabeth Bernhardt and Miss Armstrong.

Auditor Charles C. Gray and wife, of New Lexington, Ohio, are the guests of Mr. George H. Stull and family, of 339 Eighth street Northwest.

BELT LINE TIE-UP.

It lasted but two hours and the cars were started.

The cars on the Belt railway were run yesterday after 7.30 a. m., on the schedule laid down by Judge Cox.

For two hours during the early part of the morning things remained at a standstill, which was brought about by the refusal of the men to move the cars until they were assured of being paid for working. The men assembled in large numbers at the cashiers and were very determined in their action. It was stated that serious trouble would have resulted in any attempt on the part of the company to run the cars.

A compromise was finally effected whereby it was agreed that the men would run the cars and be paid off each morning for the preceding day. If the company fails to pay the men assert that they will strike.

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QUESADA'S VISIT TO SHERMAN.

The Secretary Will Not Repeat What Passes Between Diplomats.

Notwithstanding the deal sent out by a press association yesterday of the extensive story printed in The Times giving an account of a call by the Secretary of State by the official representative of the Cuban republic, the facts of the story cannot be truthfully contradicted. It was stated in the story that Mr. Quesada, who has recently been named as charge d'affaires of the Cuban republic, and Mr. Althoff, the second secretary of the Cuban embassy, called on the Secretary of State and that they had before him, with documents to show the authority and authenticity of their representations, the final determination of the Cuban insurgents to accept nothing from Spain but the independence of the island.

Secretary Sherman was called on yesterday morning by The Times and told of the statement made that he had been visited by Mr. Quesada and Mr. Althoff. The Secretary said that the visit had been made by these gentlemen and that he had a talk with them. When asked what they had said, he replied: "It is not customary in the State Department to repeat what is said by diplomats."

It is worth while recalling in this connection that President Cleveland and President McKinley sent to the Senate letters received by them from Gen. Gomez, commanding the insurgent forces in Cuba.

It is not unlikely that in due time the object and incidents of the visit of Mr. Quesada and Mr. Althoff to the State Department will appear in official form before the public.

Disappears From Home.

Mrs. Ellen Randall, of No. 440 K street Northwest, left the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edna Brown, three days ago to get out for a short time and no one has heard from her since. She is sixty-eight years of age, and described as short and stout, with gray hair, and has no teeth. When she left home she wore a blue sailor dress with a black cape and fastener. Her friends are much concerned about her welfare, and can offer no explanation for the old lady's disappearance.

END OF OPERA SEASON.

Brilliant Audience Attended the Performance of "Faust."

Melba, Sibel, Van Cliburn, Faust, Boult, Wagner, and other great names of the opera world were featured in a performance of "Faust" at the Metropolitan Opera House. The performance was a great success, and the audience was very large. The singing was excellent, and the orchestra was well led. The production was also very fine, and the costumes were beautiful. The performance was a real treat for the opera lover.

Melba was the heroine of the evening before it was over. Though not up to her standard early, she sang divinely at the close. Marguerite was a strikingly dramatic part, and consequently it is with the dramatic limitations of the diva without aggressive consciousness on the part of the audience that it is witnessing a performance in which there is a deficient quality. Moreover Melba's perfect vocalization and her perfect control of the voice, her freedom of the great voice, as she threw herself into the grand aria at the end and gave forth the brilliant gorgeous notes, it was with difficulty that the audience restrained the welling enthusiasm. At the end of the first act, she sang a beautiful duet with Sibel, and the audience could have heard it again and again.

Canparani was fairly hunted as Valentin. His performance was on the same high plane of Melba's, and the audience recognized it. He has more than the natural gift of an exquisite voice and a perfect technique—a perfect technique which makes a performance the moment he steps upon the stage and inspires the audience with a confidence which assists him and them. In the title with Faust and Marguerite, and the ending death scene he was truly magnificent.

Two new singers were introduced last night in Messrs. Faust and Boult. The former sang Faust, the latter Marguerite, and they stood removed in opposite directions from the point where an artist is acceptable, and no more.

Mr. Faust fell into this standard into a plane of mediocrity. His voice is not qualitatively fine enough to sing in the company of his companions of last night. Boult, on the other hand, was a welcome new acquaintance. He has a fine, clear voice of fine power and flexibility, well and suited to the concerted music with excellent effect. Everyone was enthusiastic over him. He is one of the new artists who will be welcome back again.

Van Cliburn was an adequate Martha, and Sibel realized handsomely on the program given by some of her opportunities during the season. In "Faust" she had but a few notes of recitative as the maid, but in "Carmen" she had several passages quickly indicative of her capabilities, notably the duo with Van Cliburn over the cards in the brigades.

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ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS.
Many Organizations Choose Them for Eminent Terms.

Federal Council, No. 217, American Legion of Honor, has elected the following officers: Commander, J. Wood Corey; vice commander, Daniel G. Parker; orator, William M. Gibson; past commander, Lewis C. Smith; John C. Smith, Jr., secretary; John F. Garrett, treasurer; William Thomas, chaplain; Charles R. Carwood, guide; Henry L. Francis, viceroy; Eugene G. Galt, secretary; Clarence S. Wilson, trustee; William D. Smith, medical examiner; John T. Winter, and alternate medical examiner, George B. Corey.

Local Branch, No. 16, of the National Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers, has elected officers as follows:

President, Richard Lantry; vice president, Thomas Chapman; recording secretary, Walter Spauld; financial secretary, Michael C. Carter; treasurer, William French; guard, Charles Allison; sentinel, I. Snyder, and trustees, Thomas Chapman, Thomas Large and William L. Laffa.

Woman's Veterans Relief Union, District Command No. 1, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. E. L. Thompson; Mrs. H. E. Thompson, vice president; Mrs. Rosemary, junior vice president; Mrs. Mary H. Thompson, chairman; Mrs. H. V. Deane, conductress; Mrs. Susan E. Barry, treasurer; Mrs. G. Barry, inside guard; and Mrs. Emma Keep, outside guard.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year by Plate Printers' Union, No. 2:

President, A. W. Sengely; vice president, Theodore Koenig; secretary, T. C. Smith; financial secretary, W. O. Miller; treasurer, Daniel Logan; trustees, W. E. Little, A. Small, and F. Parks; inspector, J. J. Fahy; guide, A. Sengely.

Supreme Court of the United States.
Present: The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Harlan, Mr. Justice Gray, Mr. Justice Brewer, Mr. Justice Brown, Mr. Justice Sutherland, Mr. Justice White.

No. 96—The Canton Insurance Company, Limited, vs. The Canton Insurance Company, Limited, et al.; motion to amend the writ of habeas corpus, granted by the Supreme Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia, dismissed, with costs, pursuant to the writ.

No. 138—Sylvester Smith, plaintiff in error, vs. The Wichita National Bank, of Wichita, et al., in error to the United States circuit court of appeals for the eighth circuit, dismissed by stipulation.

No. 155—The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Elizabeth Kitchell, defendant, affirmed by Mr. W. R. Harlan for the defendant in error and remanded by Mr. E. F. Tamm for the plaintiff in error.

No. 156—The American Sugar Refining Company, plaintiff, vs. The Steamship G. R. Booth, etc.; affirmed by Mr. Harlan for the plaintiff, and by Mr. E. F. Tamm for the defendant.

Admitted until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

Committee on Streets and Avenues.
At the meeting of the board of directors of the Washington Board of Trade, held on December 14, a committee on "streets and avenues" was appointed, but by some oversight it was not given to the press yesterday. The committee is composed of Messrs. M. F. Porter, chairman; Chapin Brown, A. L. Blair, George T. Dunlop, John W. Dunlop, William F. Mottin, W. G. Henderson, James W. Somerville, J. W. Robinson, Francis G. Newland, E. F. Droop, Joseph Paul, George DeWitt, Herman D. Wallinger, John R. Carmichael, and A. Hollinger. W. G. Lown, Loring Chappell, Harry Lathrop.

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Answer to Ingersoll.
The Rev. Frank Ingersoll will deliver at the New Church, corner of Sixteenth and Corporate streets, his famous lecture on "The material basis of Faith," on Sunday evening, the special subject being, "The possibility of a divine revelation, and how the Bible can be the word of God."

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